and there used to be four members on it. Now, the Commission is having only two members, the post of official members fell vacant since July, 1983. We have a proposal which is at a very very mature stage and it has been accepted in principle to broad base the Commission. The honourable Prime Minister has directed that there should be more representatives of the farmers on the Agricultural Costs and Price Commission.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: How many members?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: It will have another three members. It will have one farmer-member from the areas which are cultivating the high-yielding varieties of crops, another farmer member from the dry-land farming areas and another farmer-member from among those who have marginal lands or very very small lands, so that all the three interests among the farmers are represented on the Commission. And, Sir, the proposal is at the final stage and we will be expanding the Commission very soon.

With these words, Sir. . . .

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: By what time?

SHRI R. MOHANARANGAM: It will be better if Mr. Kalpnath Rai does not interrupt the Minister.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: I cannot say in how many days it will be done.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: By what time will you do it? *(Interruptions)*.

SHRI BUTA SINGH: I cannot say when it will be done; but it will be soon.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Soon means when? Within a few months?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: May be within less than one month.

SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Within one month?

SHRI BUTA SINGH: Less than a month.

With these words, Sir, I express my thanks, heartfelt thanks, to all the honourable Members who have given valuable thoughts and suggestions and have contributed to the debate. We will definitely take into account the suggestions made by the honourable Members and see how best we can implement them. Thank you, Sir.

MOTION FOR ELECTION TO THE NATIONAL SHIPPING BOARD

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:

"That in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (2) of section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (44 of 1958), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, two members from among the members of the House to be members of the National Shipping Board with effect from the date of reconstitution of the Board."

The question was put and the motion was adopted

THE SICK INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) BILL, 1985

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): Sir, I beg to move

"That the Bill to make in the public interest, special provisions with a view to securing the timely detection of sick and potentially sick companies owning industrial undertakings, the speedy determination by a Board of experts of the preventive, ameliorative, remedial and other measures which need to be